

Project Title: Texas PTA Clean School Bus Program

Project Description: The Texas PTA (“Performing Party”) shall provide reimbursement to school districts throughout the State of Texas that retrofit or replace older diesel-engine school buses with newer model year buses or cleaner technology. This is an air pollution reduction program designed to impact ozone formation and directly impact the health of school children traveling on buses statewide. More information about the Texas PTA may be viewed at <http://www.txpta.org/about.html>.

Specifically, SEP Funds will be used to:

- Retrofit fleet buses that are over 5 years old with control technologies approved by EPA or the California Air Resources Board to reduce particulate matter (PM), hydrocarbon (HC) emissions, and where possible, emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx).
- Scrap any buses older than model year 1991 that are not on the school districts’ replacement schedule and replace with model year 2007 or newer buses. Performing Party may also assist school districts to purchase plug-in diesel-electric hybrid school buses as part of the Advanced Technologies Buyers Consortium. Performing Party shall provide documentation of proper decommissioning of any buses replaced under this program to TCEQ, and provide reporting to TCEQ of the emissions reductions achieved by the program.

Environmental benefit: Passengers, drivers, and students in the area where school buses idle during transportation are subject to harmful diesel exhaust emission every school day. Apart from containing the ozone precursors NOx and HC, as well as particulate matter (PM), diesel exhaust is known to cause or exacerbate a number of respiratory diseases, including asthma.

Eligible Counties: Statewide

Minimum Contribution: As little as \$1, with prior coordination by TCEQ with the Performing Party.